



SOLE International 16th Annual Congress

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ABOUT THE CONGRESS

The International Society of Logistics (SOLE), a non-profit international professional society composed of individuals organized to enhance the art and science of logistics technology, education, and management, will focus its 16th International Congress on the increasingly complex topic of Information Technology (IT).

During the last 20 years, corporations were managed through their internal information systems. Now, as international members of the "Cyber-Business" era, they find themselves driven by the logical linkages of their businesses, reducing interchange costs, exploiting existing networks, and applying available information technologies.

More and more within our industrial societies, executives must manage emerging technologies that are not designed with an open systems architecture, do not "speak" to one another, or require different platforms for different operating systems. The job of information technology management grows increasingly untidy, at times diluting or obscuring the overall strategic view.

During the Versailles three-day Congress, members from the International Society of Logistics — academics, industrial researchers, logistics engineers, and many others — will present a panorama of major trends and best practices in the field of information technology today. Structured technical sessions will

focus on the three digital information life cycle views — E-procurement, E-manufacture, E-support — and will deal with logistics applications supporting business operations.

Participants can expect to enhance their overall understanding of the international business environment; learn about streamlining product processes; explore open automation (tile by tile) of core business; and contribute to a shared high-level logistics model, thereby creating more value-added and more jobs throughout the international community.

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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

To Be Announced.

SOLE-France uses a part of its proceeds for re-planting trees in the "Parc du Château de Versailles"